

[Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai.]

(b) when he was appointed and what his duties are ;

(c) whether the work is being carried on by the Electrical Department of the State or by other agency on contract ; if on contract, which is the agency that has undertaken the work ; whether any agreement has been entered into for the purpose ; if so, whether there is any guarantee clause in the same ; and what is the clause ; and

(d) how many times does the Electrical Chief Engineer visit Pallivasal every month and for what purpose ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (a) Yes. His pay is Bh. Rs. 1,500 and permanent travelling allowance is Sr. Rs. 50/- per mensem.

(b) 15-4-1933. Supervising the construction of the tunnel and other Civil Engineering Works as may be delegated to him in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Project.

(c) The project works are carried out by the department through contract agency. The contractors for the tunnel works are Messrs. Moylan & Co., Bombay, and local contractors are engaged for carrying out other constructional works. They have entered into an agreement and have furnished a security for the due fulfilment of the contract. Specifications embodying the guarantees required are issued and these form the basis of the contract.

(d) The Electrical Engineer has so far inspected the works at Pallivasal on an average once in two months. The purpose of his visit is to inspect the works in progress and give instructions to the executive officers and contractors regarding the technical and other details of works, etc. He also measures the work in progress.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (c), may I know whether there is any guarantee clause for the same and if so what is it ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : The terms of the guarantee depend upon each individual contract. For each separate contract there is a different guarantee. If the member would refer to any specific instance, I shall answer. For instance does he refer to the time of completion or the quality of work ?

Supply of electric power from Pallivasal to Peermade and Vandiperiyar.

9. ***Mr. L. A. Lampard** (*Travancore Planters*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are prepared to extend the supply of electric power from Pallivasal to the Peermade and Vandiperiyar districts ;

(b) If so, what demand would be necessary to influence them to undertake this extension ;

(c) when such extension could be undertaken ;

(d) what charges would be made for power and whether there would be a sliding scale ; and

(e) what portion of the installation would be undertaken at Government's expense ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon : (a) Yes.

(b) A minimum consumption of five million units per annum.

(c) As soon as the minimum consumption is guaranteed.

(d) No charge has yet been fixed ; but it will be possible to work out a tariff which will be attractive to the consumer and in this tariff a sliding scale will be provided.

(e) Government would undertake the main transmission line to the terminal station and the distribution of power from the station to the various factories will preferably be undertaken by a licensee.

Prescription of text-books for 1934—1935.

10. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) who prescribed the various text-books for use in the Vernacular and English Schools for the year 1934-35 ;

(b) whether text-books not approved by the Text-Book Committee have been prescribed ; if so, who was responsible for the selection ; what are those books and by whom were they written and published ;

(c) what was the principle followed in the matter of prescribing the various text-books ;

(d) what is the principle kept in view by the Education Department in prescribing a number of text-books for a particular class, leaving the choice of selection to the school masters of the various schools ; and

(e) what were the difficulties, if any, in prescribing the same set of text-books for any particular class in all the schools of the State ?

Mr. R. M. Statham : (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(a) The Director of Public Instruction, with the approval of Government.

(b) No.

(c) Suitability of the books.

(d) & (e) The member is referred to the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee Report in the matter.